

Minutes of
North Hampton Planning Board Public Meeting on Growth Ordinances
January 17, 2000

Present: Paul Cuetara, Chairman, Roland Neves, Jack Steiner, Selectman, Timothy Harned, Ted Turchan, Phil Michaud, Alternate, Paul Charron, Building Inspector, Tina Kinsman, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. The Chairman stated that he wanted to clear up any misunderstandings as a result of the last meeting, that this was a Public Meeting of the Planning Board and that public comments would be made according to the rules and procedures of the Board. He stated that there were two articles on the agenda to be considered: the Growth Management & Innovative Land Use Control, and the Citizens Petition to Institute a Growth Control Ordinance.

Neves made the motion to review the Citizens Petition first, seconded by Gould, motion carried.

Larry Miller spoke about the Citizens Petition., followed by Attorney Mike Donovan, who gave a brief summary. Turchan stated that the Board needed a more detailed summary of how the 1% (building permits for new dwelling units) was calculated. The statement was also made that the best proposed ordinance would be a melding of the two, but that this was not possible at this time. It was also suggested that the Board review the other proposed ordinance before taking a vote on the Citizens Petition.

There was lengthy discussion by the public and the Board concerning various aspects and details of the Citizens Petition. There was also discussion among Board members that the CIP (Capitol Improvement Plan) needs to be in place before they could consider a Growth Ordinance, and since the Master Plan had just been completed, the CIP would be worked on next, followed by the Growth Ordinance, which would be the #1 priority. Neves made the motion to continue the Growth Management & Innovative Land Use to April, seconded by Gould, motion passed, 4-2.

Turchan made the motion to recommend the Citizens Petition, seconded by Michaud. It did not pass, the vote was 3-3. The Chairman made the motion to reconsider, seconded by Neves, the vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained. The next vote that was taken was extremely confusing; no one was sure what they were voting on: the vote was 2-2-1. The new vote on reconsideration, was 2 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained. The Citizens Petition was not recommended by the Board.